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PICTURE OF THE MONTH



They're Here Again!

Len Hutton and W. J. Edrich coming out to open the first match of the M.C.C. Tour, at Bunbury, W.A., on 11th October.

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KEEPING POSTED

AROUND about the first of October there was undoubtedly a feeling of spring in the air. The weather was balmy, the city was colourful again with the ladies in their spring frocks; the important fixtures of the A.J.C. came up one by one—and, surest sign of all, once again we saw in the Club the welcome faces of country members, down for the new season, down for the Spring Meeting. It has often been suggested that this Magazine might give a list of the country friends who visit the Club now; and again at Easter. But the truth is, country members come in the door and take their place with us quite unannounced; why should they not?—for this is their Club, they do not have to record their names at the door. So, to mention some would surely miss many more. Therefore let us close the matter by saying: welcome to you all, it is pleasant to see you, pleasant to know that you come back to your Club when you can, pleasant to have your friendly company. We look forward to the next time.

SURFERS' Paradise, always a popular spot with Members on holiday, has been the choice of even more than usual this winter and spring. Which gives added interest to the magnificent new block of flats built for Bunky Naylor, named Panorama, probably the most luxurious on the Coast—and, according to members who have seen them, the final touch to make a holiday perfect. Bill McLoughlin was one of the guests at the house-warming of the new block.

AROUND the middle of the month, the happy word went around that Alf Genge, the indestructible and evergreen, was back in the Club again. Seriously ill for a while, he is now nearly his usual self—bright as a new penny, and complete with the twinkle in the eye and the flower in the buttonhole.

WE had a particular interest in the Rugby Union Finals. Ken Fidden's son was playing in the first-grade final for St. George. George Chiene's son Bruce, and P. McGrath's son were both in the fourth-grade finals for their respective Clubs. There were several fathers a trifle hoarse after The Day.

THERE were many congratulations for Alton Cusick, elected President of the N.S.W. Trotting Club during October. The best wishes go to him in his difficult job.

IT has been quite a month for Ken Fidden. Apart from his son being in the Union Final, he has also celebrated two happy weddings—his own anniversary and the marriage of his daughter toward the end of September. A number of his friends, including many members, helped him enjoy both events.

EDITORIAL: Home Away From Home

The committee suggested that members introduce to the club country friends attracted to Sydney by the Spring meeting.

This opportunity was availed of liberally, and so the sojourn of many countrysiders was made doubly enjoyable.

They were able to meet our members in the atmosphere of a home away from home. Their introductions showed them that the bond of friendship welded by membership of Tattersall's Club was more than say-so.

Some of the visitors were good enough to declare that among us they felt they could settle in as members of a family.

This is good to emphasise: Our club is not a place merely of brick and mortar. It has atmosphere and a lived-in sensation about it. Neither was acquired in a day or even a decade.

The club spirit, as we call it, or the bond of membership, derives from the long years, drawing now toward the century.

Still permeating the place is the spirit of the pioneers, who "builded better than they knew."

What our country friends felt within the precincts was a glow of welcome and goodwill generated down the generations.

Happy Birthday to You!

NOVEMBER

1 C. W. Randall
F. E. Wilson
2 Harold Brown
3 A. S. Harrison
4 W. H. Bray
5 K. J. Polkinghorne
Dr. N. H. Rose
E. A. Hodgkinson
7 K. S. Irwin
R. Paraggio
9 W. H. Travers
Stan Williams
Dr. Cecil Adair
10 J. J. Geard
11 E. F. Muller
12 D. G. Oakley
A. Sakzewski
F. Lysons
13 J. P. Ryan
J. D. Stuart
John Fisher
14 D. Mackie
A. C. Gunter
15 Harold Sidgreaves
G. C. Beardsmore
E. D. Shaw
16 A. K. Cowper
17 F. D. Foskey
Dr. H. Selle
F. McGlynn
18 L. W. McIntosh
V. A. Thicknesse
Dr. A. B. Sullivan
19 C. W. Jackaman
S. S. Mellick
M. M. Watson
M. H. Nissen
20 H. W. Blewitt
A. E. McIlveen
21 S. Peters
A. R. Harrison
A. L. Naughton
R. C. Crebbin
22 M. Zammit
J. R. Reeves
H. Doerner
23 D. N. Alexander
G. Crichton-Smith
A. W. Perry
J. W. O'Brien
24 D. H. B. Adams
N. W. Holman
J. R. Henderson
25 T. T. Manning
R. C. Dewley
J. Hardiman
26 R. R. Coote
27 L. Noakes, Snr.
Jack Molloy
29 W. H. Davies
L. G. Wills
W. P. Foley
30 Barney Fay
Jack Ryan

DECEMBER

1 H. V. Berlyn
H. R. Van Borssum
D. I. Boosuit
2 E. C. Murray
3 T. B. Dwyer
F. J. Lett
4 M. D'Arcy
C. E. Donnelley
T. W. O'Shea
5 K. B. McGrath
6 P. J. Bray
George Parker
Sidney Parker
7 A. C. Gelling
H. H. Goldberg
S. Sernack
8 N. G. Morris
D. J. Mooney
Les. W. Jones
A. P. Rennix
9 J. H. Keogh
10 A. J. McDowell
G. G. Firkin
11 Chas. Fahy
J. M. Sawyer
A. F. Thomson
S. Y. Gresham
D. A. C. Sullivan
J. M. McShane
12 W. Gourley
C. E. Thompson
F. H. M. Arthur
13 Eric Pratt
J. A. Nivison
14 M. Nimenski
Wm. Longton
Alan Davis
15 R. T. Cadwallader
M. P. Webber
17 E. O. Crowhurst
Murt O'Brien
J. J. Cromwell
18 H. G. Horner
19 J. T. Jennings
20 Harry Sidgreaves
A. E. Grounds
A. E. McCartney
C. V. Holland
Arthur Bull
21 E. N. Larkin
22 D. R. Walker
C. W. Robinson
23 J. W. Gilligan
24 H. W. Broadfoot
N. M. Shelton
25 W. Sherman
A. F. A. Little
26 H. J. Bartier
H. C. Higson
A. R. Chiles
27 R. E. Sanderson
28 Dr. A. S. Reading
W. G. Tate
E. W. Abrahams
29 E. J. Hazell
W. K. Dawes
30 R. A. Swift
E. J. McDowell
S. D. Milne
31 Jack Davis
F. M. Power
A. G. Leslie

Members are invited to notify the Secretary of the date of their Birthday.

THERE have been an unusual number of travellers returning—and just as many off on travels. Frank Tinworth expects to leave soon for the States. E. E. Warren is away on a quick trip to England and America. T. B. Dwyer is back with us from an extensive European trip. W. J. McIver is back from Japan. And so it goes.

WELCOME visitor this month was John Lacy, of New York—a member of the New York Athletic. It's hoped he found the same warmth and spontaneity in our welcome that so many of us have experienced in his Club.

BACK by the Orsova—and not changed a bit—was Sam Biber. D. N. Alexander, too, is another traveller being welcomed back from a trip to England.

WORD from Dr. L. E. Mc Dermott: he is having a wonderful trip, saw Walter Furlong and several other club members in London.

GLAD to report that Mick Polson is himself again, fully recovered after his recent illness.

MORE News of Travellers: Basil Grant returned from abroad during the month—and so did R. C. Singer. Welcome home! And on the other side of the ledger—Bill Lander is away to England.

CONGRATULATIONS to proud father, Les Williams; it's a boy!

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DANCING and CONCERT NIGHT

Dining Room, Saturday, 27th NOVEMBER, 1954

Commencing 6.30 p.m.

Cover Charge, 5/- per person

Reservations may be made at Club Office.

MEMBERS were particularly glad to see ex-Test cricketer Abe Waddington back with us again, renewing old friendships in the Club. The visit of an English team would scarcely be complete for us without pleasure of his company.

THE red carpet was out for Bon Eastment this month—he arrived back after a brief visit to Japan.

M. W. BYRNE was a passenger on Orsova on 23rd October—there were a few quiet farewells in the Club and elsewhere before he left. He is taking up the important appointment of Director of the Australian News and Information Bureau in London—and he said before he sailed that he would be particularly pleased to welcome any Club member who cared to call on him over there.

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THE big gathering of members and friends who attended the "Dinner - Dance - and - Concert" night on the fourth floor on 23rd October in expectation that the affair would reach the high standard set by the previous nights, was not disappointed. Actually, the evening was generally voted the "best ever"—and bookings are already heavy for the next Dinner-Dance-Concert, set down on the calendar for 27th November.

ANOTHER friend now being welcomed back from a trip abroad — H. W. Kawkeswood

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OFF for one of those popular voyages to West Australia are Vince Toohey and J. Hunter.

THIS is, of course, the time of the Grand Exodus down to Melbourne. Heading the Club's large contingent this year are committeemen Alf Collins and George Chiene—and Treasurer John Roles. The best of luck to one and all!

MORE comings and goings: L. G. Wills is just back from a trip abroad—and so is M. E. Farley. Off soon will be George Fitzpatrick and Arthur Bull. Bon voyage.

NEWCASTLE'S Dave Mackie has been holidaying at Katoomba during the month, and thoroughly enjoyed it. There are rumours that he has mastered the intricacies of penny Rummy.

A WELCOME visitor from Victoria was Bob McLeish, doyen of the Green Room.

ANOTHER rumour—that Jim Collins will be handing around cigars early in the New Year.

STOP PRESS

More friends back from overseas—just in time for the Cup: Stan Chatterton, Guy Bevan, Jim Singer.

TEST MATCH DATES

1st Test — November 26th to December 2nd, at Brisbane.

2nd Test — December 17th to December 23rd, at Sydney.

3rd Test — December 31st to January 6th, at Melbourne.

4th Test — January 26th to February 3rd, at Adelaide.

5th Test — February 25th to March 3rd, at Sydney.

A CHEER FOR THE IRISH COURSES

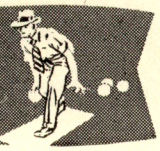
In recent years the bloodstock industry in Ireland has come, more than ever before, into prominence in the field of international racing. In particular, recently, Irish bred horses have proved themselves equal to anything that America can produce. The names of "Royal Serenade," "Noor" and "Turn-to" need no introduction even to those who have never seen a form book or heard of a tote double or pari-mutuel. In 1953 alone, for example, Irish-bred horses won almost £2 million in stakes.

This position of unrivalled importance has not been achieved without considerable expenditure at home on the racecourses, the show-windows of Irish breeding. Over the past few years the Irish Racing Board, together with some private bodies, have spent nearly £1 million in improving the racecourses and in increasing the stakes in order to attract class horses hitherto sent for training abroad. This expenditure has proved justified: in post-war years the tendency to train horses abroad has decreased, with the consequent participation of better class horses in Irish events; racing standards have improved and the attendance at races has greatly increased.

To the racegoing public must go some of the credit for these improvements, for the racegoer contributes sixpence from every pound of his winnings to the funds of the Racing Board, which also gets 10 per cent. of the takings of all Tote pools. The racegoer could see the results of this tax when he visited the Curragh, in the plains of Kildare at the end of last month, where the first of the Irish Classics, the 2,000 Guineas, was held. Here the enclosures have been

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BOWLING NOTES



In the recent Carnival held at Double Bay to celebrate the opening of the new Club House, Tattersall's Bowlers were predicted to make a good showing, but even the most sanguine did not expect them to put up such a brilliant performance. Trophies on the first day went to Bill McDonald's team, comprising Jack McKendrick, Tom McGrath, Ken Williams.

RESULTS: Tattersall's v. Waverley

A. Buckle, C. Cohen, J. Lindsay, H. Hill (Tatt's.)	29
H. Foster, E. Rayner, M. Faul, C. Baker (Wav.)	25
J. McKendrick, T. McGrath, W. Black, A. Kippax (Tatt's.)	24
F. Porter, T. Foster, D. De Saxe, C. Miller (Wav.)	13
J. Pick, F. Empson, C. Young, C. Davis (Tatt's.)	12
J. Lough, F. Coulson, J. Mullan, R. Switson (Wav.)	27
R. Ball, J. Ruthven, J. Irwin, J. Eaton (Tatt's.)	23
H. Kelly, H. Sampson, W. Carruthers, J. Bimpson (Wav.)	40
G. Levey, E. Stephenson, I. Silk, J. Kellaway (Tatt's.)	13
G. Gray, D. Marden, W. Pope, L. Young (Wav.)	24
W. Ditfort, E. Abbott, E. A. Norton, F. Kreiger (Tatt's.)	24
F. Morrin, G. Rowles, J. O'Brien, A. Buck (Wav.)	23
S. Relton, J. Gibbs, A. Butler, G. H. Booth (Tatt's.)	24
P. Woolcock, W. Plumb, E. Nettheim, L. Fingleton (Wav.)	15
J. Harris, S. M. Norton, A. Turner, A. Mahony (Tatt's.)	25
G. Howard, G. Stone, H. Manion, A. Cox (Wav.)	22
C. Cook, A. Price, E. A. Davis, W. McDonald (Tatt's.)	31
T. Hogan, C. Walker, A. Woods, L. Johnson (Wav.)	14
J. Saulwick, G. Lewis, N. Jones, C. Emanuel (Tatt.'s.)	17
F. Stone, H. Spyer, F. Spyer, Hookway (Wav.)	22

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R. Ball, I. Silk, G. Webster, W. McDonald (Tatt's.)	25
McCousland, Logan, Archer, Bushby (A.G.L.)	22
W. Ditfort, Marshall, W. Kelso, C. Glynn (Tatt's.)	11
Lang, Jones, Phillips, Campbell (A.G.L.)	34
C. Cook, E. Abbott, J. Ruthven, C. Traversi (Tatt's.)	22
McPhillamy, Tindale, Pinnock, Smith (A.G.L.)	20
J. Gibbs, T. McGrath, R. Spencer, S. Emanuel (Tatt's.)	29
Gale, Newstead, Turner, Wright (A.G.L.)	20
A. Buckle, S. Schwarz, J. Monro, A. Turner (Tatt's.)	32
Bergman, Turner, Fullagar, Harding (A.G.L.)	21
F. Vockler, T. McGrath, Gunliffe, N. Jones (Tatt's.)	38
S. Jacques, Jones, Blashki, Black (A.G.L.)	12
J. McKendrick, F. Empson, G. Barney, G. Booth (Tatt's.)	36
Shirley, Magee, Tait, Bondfield (A.G.L.)	10
J. Harris, J. Sims, S. Peters, J. O'Neill (Tatt's.)	38
Wilson, Palmer, Turner, Land (A.G.L.)	10
B. Levey, F. Gawler, F. Ahern, N. Hough (Tatt's.)	16
Ambrose, Mitchell, McInnes, Pierson (A.G.L.)	26

TATTERSALL'S BOWLERS SCOOP THE POOL

MORE fireworks were turned on by Roscoe Ball, Jack Lindsay, Ken Ranger and Noel Hough, when they defeated Garney Nobles' strong City Rink, thus putting an end to Nobles' sequence of 27 straight wins.

Jack McKendrick, Jack Pick, "Swan" Schwarz and Noel Hough were the cynosure of all eyes as they ploughed through the field of seasoned and State Bowlers to take the honours on the second day.

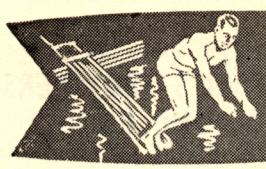
On the third and final day we again witnessed "Swan" Schwarz, together with Fred Vockler, Sam Peters and Sam Glynn, emerge victorious before another huge gallery, whilst Clyde Cook, Charlie Cohen, Bruce Williams and Cedric Emanuel put up a gallant fight to reach the semi-final, thus showing that the boys from Tattersall's are always a formidable foe.

We take this opportunity of congratulating Jack Eaton in gaining State honours, and feel sure he will justify his inclusion.

Only one Pairs Handicap was played during the month and Joe Harris and Les Fingleton (27) defeated A. Mitchell and Elgar Collins (19).

Waverley Bowling Club still have the edge on Tattersall's and

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IN AND OUT OF THE POOL

They're Racing!

GOOD START TO SWIMMING CLUB'S 1954/1955 SEASON

Opening race of the Swimming Club's 1954/1955 season attracted a field of thirty and such a roll-up augurs well for the success of the new year.

HANDICAPPER John Gunton made no drastic alterations in the handicaps, but we understand that he has his eagle eye on the competitors and there will be some adjustments, where necessary, very soon.

Honour of winning the first final went to Bill Kirwan, who won in 26.5 from Alan Stewart and Harry Davis, who both stood him up five seconds.

Bill was not too regular in last season's races, but he promises to be on deck all the while this year, so that means that he will be a serious contender for the season's honours.

The second division final was a thrilling race in which the judges were unable to separate Reg Burnham and Carl Phillips, with Bob Harris and Ken Francis inches away in a dead-heat for third.

Winning times were given as 24.9 and 20.9 secs., but it is rumoured that the usually reliable Club Secretary made a mistake in the handicaps, and that actually Phillips swam 19.9 secs., which would have dropped him a second in the handicaps for future races. What a let-off for Carl. Better take a ticket, old boy!

Some good heat winning times were by Carl Phillips 20.2, Alan Stewart 21.2, Harry Davis 21.5, and Ken Francis 22.

They are good for such an early period and Harry Davis was particularly attractive in his effort.

It was good to see popular George Goldie in action again after a long absence, and though he only sneaked into a third placing by the disqualification of the winner of his heat, it won't be long before George figures amongst the winners.

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A Booking Office is operating for the convenience of Members. Members requiring plane travel, theatre or stadium seats, hire cars or floral work may call or 'phone M 4111.

HOURS :

Mon. to Fri.: 11.30 to 2.30, 3.30 to 7.45; Saturdays : 11 to 2.30, 3.30 to 7.

A number of new members have had time trials, amongst them being Sid Sernack, who seems sure to be amongst the back markers after a few swims. Frank Muller, a Bondi surf man, Dick Dowling, who used to swim with East Sydney and Drummoyne, and Albert Sims, who finds the two laps a long way at present, but who will find it easier as he gets going.

Classy sprinter Arthur Allsop has not appeared yet, nor has Hermie Doerner, ex-Olympic water polo player.

Glancing through the names of our swimmers, it is revealed that Bondi Swimming Club members and ex-members hold a very strong hand and we've heard them boast that they would be prepared to take on the members of any other amateur club in our list.

Well, we guess that they've something in their favour when we say that amongst the Bondi men in our Club are Eric Adnam, Fred Clift, Bruce Chiene, the two Dexters, Cedric Emanuel, Ken Francis, Fred Harvie, Allan Rennix, Laurie Trafford, Arthur Allsop, Herman Doerner and Frank Muller. Quite a good bunch!

In addition, Carl Phillips was a North Bondi Surf Club member, although he, like brother Bill, boasts of Abbotsford as his club.

By next issue of the magazine the racing will be in full swing, and it is hoped that we will be able to record the acquisition of a lot more new members.

Remember, heats are swum every Tuesday and finals on Thursdays. All you have to do to join up is to swim a time trial and leave the rest to the handicapper.

Sympathy of the Club is given to its hard-working official, Sam Block, over the sad loss of his sister during October.

Results

12th October—40 Yards Handicap—1st Heat: W. Kirwan (27) 1, F. Harvie (21) 2, P. Lindsay (24) 3. Time, 26.3 secs. 2nd Heat: C. Hoole (24) 1, G. Laforest (22) 2, M. Wayland (25) 3. Time, 24 secs. 3rd Heat: P. Williams (24) and A. Stewart (22) 1, H. Herman (28) 3. Times, 23.2 and 21.2 secs. 4th Heat: R. Burnham (25) and H. E. Davis (22) 1, B. Chiene (23) 3. Times, 24.5 and 21.5 secs. 5th Heat: R. Harris (22) 1, V. Thicknesse (24) 2, G. Goldie (35) 3. Time, 22 secs. 6th Heat: C. B. Phillips (21) 1, N. Barrell (23) 2, S. Lorking (24) 3. Time, 20.2 secs. 7th Heat: K. Francis (22) 1, T. Barrell (24) 2, R. Corrick (27) 3. Time, 22 secs. 8th Heat: B. Partridge (24) 1, W. B. Phillips (22) 2, C. Godhard (26) 3. Time, 23.8 secs.

1st Division Final: W. Kirwan (27) 1, A. Stewart (22) 2, H. E. Davis (22) 3. Time, 26.5 secs.

2nd Division Final: R. Burnham (25) and C. B. Phillips (21) 1, R. Harris and K. Francis (22) 3. Times, 24.9 and 20.9 secs.

October-November Point Score: Leaders in this series are: W. Kirwan 2, C. B. Phillips 7½, R. Burnham 7, A. Stewart 6½, H. E. Davis, R. Harris and K. Francis 5½, C. Hoole and B. Partridge 5, P. Williams 4½, F. Harvie, G. Laforest, V. Thicknesse, N. Barrell, T. Barrell and W. B. Phillips 4.

★ *Members!* **DINE and WINE IN YOUR CLUB**

Dance Nights
Thursdays, 6.15 to 8.15 p.m.
SATURDAYS, 6.30 to 11 p.m.

in the friendly luxury of the well-appointed Dining and Lounge Rooms

LUNCHEON (Monday to Friday) .. 12 noon to 2 p.m.
DINNER (Monday to Friday) .. .. .. 6 to 8 p.m.
DINNER (Saturday) .. .. 6 to 8.30 p.m.

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HANDBALL



TENSE STRUGGLE IN "BOTTOM HALF"

for "Amounis" Trophy

NATURALLY, the players in the bottom half are very keen to win as their loss means elimination. The draw for the fifth round was as follows:—

The elimination contests have now been completed with Neil Barrell (29) defeating John Dexter (10) by 41-35, which leaves Neil as the undisputed winner of the top half with the right to challenge the winner of the bottom half to a grand final should he be defeated in the final.

Geoff Eastment (18)	v	Bruce Partridge (scr.)
Andy McGill (20)	v	George McGilvray (scr.)
Ken Francis (26)	v	Eddie Davis (scr.)
Peter Williams (27)	v	Bob Adams (28)

This round has been completed, Geoff Eastment eliminating Bruce Partridge 41-36, after a most exciting game. For high class handball, this contest has been unsurpassed during the competition, each rally being long and played at a very high speed. It speaks volumes for the physical condition of both contestants that they were able to maintain their efforts throughout a game packed with thrills. Hard luck, Bruce! You did well—but Geoff on the handicap and the day was just too good.

Andy McGill (20) eliminated George McGilvray (scr.) 41-25, after a good game. Afterwards, both men stated that they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. However, the scores speak for themselves, and although your reporter did not witness this game, it is apparent that Andy had a very comfortable victory. Congratulations, Andy!

Eddie Davis (scr.) eliminated Ken Francis (26) by 41-38. This was another fine contest. Ken is a most improved player, but, as stated in these notes previously, Eddie Davis is our craftiest player with infinite patience and, unless his opponent has real match temperament, he will wear him down. This proved the case here. Eddie concentrated on Ken's left hand weakness and, before Ken could overcome the trouble, Eddie had gained sufficient points to ensure victory. Ken rallied really well towards the finish, but it was too late. The very nice sporting spirit of both players in this game must be mentioned. A couple of close decisions were not allowed to be treated as an advantage by either man, and very sporting shots were played for the next point. Nice work, fellows!

The other game between Peter Williams (27) and Bob Adams (28) resulted in a very easy win for Peter, who lost only the first two points. His form was absolutely devastating and Bob is unfortunate to have struck Peter in such rare form.

This completed the fifth round and the sixth draw was made immediately:

Geoff Eastment (18) v
Peter Williams (27)
Eddie Davis (scr.) v
Andy McGill (20)

Geoff and Peter lost no time in playing their game, Peter eliminating Geoff 41-32. As Peter showed the same dash as against Bob Adams, Geoff was never out of trouble. On present form it appears as though Peter will be very hard to beat for the bottom half and grand final, although he will not have it all his own way if he meets Neil Barrell in the finals.

Although Eddie and Andy arranged to play their game, they have had to postpone it twice, but they have definitely agreed to play next Friday. If these notes have gone to press before then, the scores will be reported later.

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Eddie Davis eliminated
Andy McGill, 41-31.

GENERAL

Peter Lindsay has opened negotiations with our Secretary for the Handball Club Dinner. More details will be given when arrangements have been completed.

CONDOLENCES

To Sam Block, whose sister passed away. This was a very keen blow to Sam.

To Bill Brooks, whose brother passed away, this being a very sad blow to Bill.

You will recall it was mentioned last month that these people were seriously ill. To their families go our deepest sympathy.

THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS

To our fellow member, Lionel Israel, on the success of his wife's very fine horse Belbeiys. At the moment, he looks like the up-and-coming new champion of the turf. We sincerely hope so. To our congratulations, we add our thanks as Lionel has donated a trophy for a new handball competition when the "Amounis" Trophy is completed. We were glad to accept his offer and the competition will be called the "Segenhoe" Trophy, after Lionel's stud farm. Thanks very much, Lionel!

NOTICE

Members are notifed that no restriction will be placed on the number of visitors members may introduce to the Club.

M. D. J. Dawson,
Secretary.

STAR KINGDOM PROGENY EQUAL 30-YEAR RECORD

For the second time in Randwick's history, the respective winners of the A.J.C. Breeders' Plate and the Gimcrack Stakes were by the same sire, were ridden by the same Jockey and mentored by the same trainer. The races date date back to 1906.

KINGSTER (Breeders' Plate) is raced by C. G. Gibson and Ultrablue (Gimcrack Stakes) by R. F. Moses. Both two-year-olds are by Star Kingdom (imp.) while jockey W. Camer rode both winners, which are trained at Randwick by Jack Green.

Though it had been reported this was a record so far as these two races are concerned, a glance at the official Australian turf records will show that such is not the case.

In 1924 New Zealand trainer Dick Mason brought a team of horses to Sydney. His patron, G. D. Greenwood (Gloaming's owner), that season won the Breeders' Plate - Gimcrack double with Nincompoop and Chignon, both the progeny of Absurd (imp.). Both were ridden by George Young, still a regular at Randwick.

In the first 10 years of its programming, both events were open to colts and geldings. Bentura in 1911 and Beragoon in 1912 landed both races.

However, it was a real achievement for Star Kingdom to win both the Breeders' Plate and the Gimcrack with two of the first of his progeny to carry silk in this country, and already he is an acquisition to the Australian thoroughbred breeding industry. Before many weeks are over the importation should have more winners, because his descendants have shown ability on the training tracks and in barrier trials.

Star Kingdom raced in England as Star King, and had a fine run of nine successes in sprint events for £12,352 in stakes. At two years he had six outings for five wins and a second, a run of marked consistency, and in some wins carried more than 9 st. He is a son of Stardust, winner of some thousands in stakes and sire of the winners of upwards of £140,000.

The new sire comes from the same family as Chaucer and Swynford, so he is well credentialled.

Kingster had won a Randwick barrier trial before taking the Breeders' Plate in brilliant fashion. He cost 1,000 guineas as a yearling and it is interesting to note that he is from a grand-daughter of Scuttle, a winner of the One Thousand Guineas. His dam, Canvas Back, is an imported mare by William of Valence, from Canvas by Solario from Scuttle (winner of the 1,000 Guineas for the late King George V), by Captain Cuttle. Canvas Back, by the way, is a half-sister to Xaret, a winner of the French Prix Gladiateur, run at 3 miles 7 furlongs, and the longest flat race in the world.

Ultrablue is a daughter of Politesse, by Lord Quex from Courtesy by Limond (imp.).



(Photo. courtesy "The Sun")

Doug Webster
and "Movie Star"

FRIENDLY NEW ZEALAND TRAINER MAKES EVERY POST A WINNING POST

Doug Webster, owner-trainer from Otaki, New Zealand, has been so successful in his regular forays on the Australian Track and Ring that you would almost expect him to be classed among the restricted imports. It says a deal for his personality and charm that he is hailed with friendliness everywhere in the Australian racing scene — even fielders whom he has "taken" in coups of days gone by are happy to chuckle when they tell the tale against themselves and drink to Doug's continued success.

DOUG WEBSTER has been highly rated on his training ability alone; he has saddled up no less than 143 winners in Australian races—cups, handicaps, hurdles, classics, steeplechases and ponies. That would be a good record indeed for an Australian trainer—for a man from another country it is almost phenomenal. But Doug has taken the art of winning races quite a stage further; he is satisfied only when he wins the right races at the right time—and certainly at the right price.

This ambition, born of plain necessity in the days when he was a young and almost penniless visitor to these inhospitable shores and nurtured in times of low purses, has now become a sort of game with him. Like a bridge player, he gains the greatest gusto from extracting the last possible trick from his hand—and then being able to work over it again with his opponents afterwards.

To prevent you having any misconceptions, let me say at once that Doug Webster is also a good loser. The truth is, he enjoys racing; every part of racing—the horses, the training, the running, the betting and the settling. His enthusiasm is a good enthusiasm, and it is contagious. And he keeps the rules.

Doug served his time in New Zealand with F. Higgott, a good trainer who faithfully followed the methods established by one of the greatest horsemen of all time in this part of the world—the New Zealand trainer R. J. Mason. The late Hughie Cairns —racegoers will remember his thrilling riding of Heroic—and Roley Hatch, several times premier jockey in N.Z., now a stipendiary steward in Victoria, both served under Frank Higgott. Always a lover of horses, Doug can't remember a time when it ever occurred to him that he might be anything else than a trainer of thoroughbreds. Once he was out of his time he soon took up training on his own, and by 1920 he had established quite a name for himself over there as an up-and-coming young man.

It was in 1920 that he made his first attempt to make an honest crust at the expense of Sydney racing. He arrived equipped with two horses, Master Moutoa and Fisher. The first-named, a good jumper, was unfortunately killed in a race at Randwick, leaving Doug with somewhat dampened enthusiasm and a very light purse. His story might have been very

different had not Fisher saved the day by taking the Renown Hurdles at Randwick.

That was a great day for Doug. The Prince of Wales, later King Edward VIII, attended that day, and there was a record crowd. Doug was presented with the trophy for the race—a silver inkstand and 8-day clock—by the Prince himself before an admiring multitude, and he felt that his life was complete; apart from that, his finances were somewhat mended and he was able to eat regularly again. The trophy, sitting on his desk at home, is still a happy reminder of the turning-point in his career.

Convinced now that Fisher was a champion hurdler, Doug headed back to New Zealand with the idea of taking the rich Northern Hurdles — biggest hurdle race of the time in Australasia with prize money of £3,500. The pair were met at the wharf at Wellington by a jockeys' strike, the main effect of which was that the wharfies declared all thoroughbreds "black" and refused to unload Fisher.

Fortunately Fisher was of a friendly and trusting nature, and he cautiously followed Doug down the passengers' gangplank while the wharfies were at lunch. Two burly lumpers, asking who was the so-and-so who had unloaded the horse, were told truthfully that Fisher had taken himself off the ship, and it was decided to let it go at that.

All this trouble was well worth while. Doug won several New Zealand hurdle races with Fisher, culminating in the Great Northern under 11 st. 2 lb.—Fisher won convincingly under the impost, but weighed-in 3 lb. light; how Doug talked his way into having the horse declared the winner under the rules is still his secret.

In 1921-22, Doug Webster was the leading N.Z. trainer—the same year, Maurice McCarten was leading rider. Doug has a great admiration for Maurice, regarding him not only as one of New Zealand's greatest and cleanest riders, but a great influence for good on his fellow-jockeys, at a time when racing was not, perhaps, as well-regulated as now. Maurice was outstanding at a time when New Zealand had many notable jockeys—as Doug puts it, you could throw your colours at any of a dozen men in the jock's room at Ellerslie and, if your horse was best in the race, you could rely on getting a winner.

Another pillar of Doug's admiration was that doyen of trainers, old R. J. Mason—who stands in New Zealand in much the same niche occupied here by Le Mestre, although of a different generation. In his many trips over to Australia and back, Doug made a point of travelling with Mason if he could. Mason once said to him good-humoredly: "You should get on, young Webster—you never talk to me but you ask me something to do with horse-training." The old man was that rarity among horsemen—a practical man with immense experience who was yet an intelligent theorist; his advice was more precious than silver.

From the help given him by men like Mason, and from his own experience, Doug has become an expert on the bugbear of all New Zealand horses over here—acclimatisation. No two horses are quite the same. First Acre, one of the best he ever brought here—he ultimately became known in the racing fraternity as the Iron Horse—did

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no good at all first time over. Doug brought him again the next season using different methods, and won two races with him in the one day at Canterbury Park the first time he was produced. Doug's son, Turoa Webster, rode First Acre in both races, the beginning of his very successful career here as a jockey. Turoa, classed as one of Australia's and New Zealand's top riders, rode for many of the leading trainers here, and Doug is justly proud of him—for G. Price, Fred Williams, Frank McGrath, Dick Wooton, Jack Holt and Fred Hoysted. Now, Turoa is starting what promises to be an equally profitable career as a driver of trotters in New Zealand.

First Acre was a problem horse in other ways. He had to be "driven" in his training; before one handicap at a Tattersall's meeting, Doug sent him 6 furlongs on four successive mornings under whip and spur, ran him 2 furlongs in 24 secs. the morning of the race — and brought him in a winner. He was a terrific eater—his manger had to be half-filled with stones to stop him gulping his feed; against those difficulties First Acre was one of the quietest and friendliest horses Doug has ever known—and with better "sea legs" than most sailors. He was often taken as a joke into the bar of country hotels—he would be quite content to stand waiting while his rider absorbed a Speights or two, but there is no record whether the horse himself preferred beer or spirits. All-in-all, First Acre was a champion—Doug won 35 races with him in Australia and New Zealand and over £10,000 in stakes, at a time when money was really money. He ran a good third in the Caulfield Cup—and on the final day of the Cup Meeting won a V.R.C. handicap of 1¾ miles by no less than eight lengths—in Australian record time. His record for the distance stood for 12 years until it was broken by Young Crusader.

Another class horse that Doug handled here was Inflation. Trained by Mrs. McDonald in New Zealand, Inflation was passed to Doug as that lady could not hold a licence here under A.J.C. rules. As a contrast to First Acre, Inflation acclimatised himself almost at once. He made such outstanding progress that Doug decided to "set" him for a Camellia Stakes; Inflation justified his confidence by running the fastest gallop Doug has ever timed, the Thursday before the race and went on to win by three lengths, pulling up, at an average of 7-1. It was a great day. Inflation followed this success with a Hawkesbury race at 2-1 on, his next run was the Epsom. The stable had high hopes of another success, but Inflation, a bad-footed horse, dropped three of his four plates and finished in the middle of the field. A little later he sprung a suspensory ligament, and Doug sent him back to N.Z. Inflation was by Paper Money and he proved a good sire himself.

Doug had always had ambitions to equal R. J. Mason's record with two-year-olds—Mason had brought a pair here and won a Breeders' Plate with one, a Gimcrack Stakes with the other. So he came one year with Hunt the Slipper and Movie Star—he set Hunt the Slipper for the Byron Moore Stakes at Flemington on Cup day, and won it; he set Movie Star for a Breeders' Plate, with another win. He and several prominent fielders in the Club still have a laugh about the Movie Star coup; the colt was worked for the race as high as 33-1, and started "no quote." In fact, John Roles still calls Doug Webster "Movie Star," for reasons that are not apparent to outsiders!

One of the greatest compliments ever paid to Doug was when leading trainer Jack Holt asked him to take over his string while Holt went on an overseas trip—and the string included horses like Hallmark and Young Idea. Doug is always a little sorry that he was not able to take up the offer—he had a young family in New Zealand, and he and Mrs. Webster felt they could not be away from them for all the time needed.

Now, although Doug is currently over here purely "on holiday," he is far from retired. He may be saddling up a horse or two here next year, hoping to add considerably to his amazing record of winners in Australia. That is, if he can tear himself away from the lovely home he has built on an island some three miles off the coast north of Wellington—a secluded bird and game sanctuary called Motunaro. The fishing there is wonderful, and Doug hopes to entertain quite an Australian party when the N.Z. yearling sales are on. And again, if he isn't training horses, he will be enjoying his second best loved sport—bowls.

Apart from his own activities, there are still plenty of Websters to carry on the name in Racing Annals. Of his ten children, several are in the racing scene—Turoa, now as a trotting driver, and another son Kohe, an up-and-coming trainer in Wanganui. So we will be hearing plenty of the Websters from New Zealand yet!

Gameness! . . .

THE MAGPIE CHARACTERISTIC

Halfway up the steep hill overlooking the homestead, the stallion yards, and the deep-grassed acres of Kia Ora stud in New South Wales stands a neatly-railed grave. It has no ornate fittings, it is concreted plainly, and its headstone is inscribed simply: MAGPIE. Sire Dark Ronald—Dam Popinjay. Foaled 1914; Died 1934

IT is enough. Magpie, great stallion and personality, needs no verbal flourishes or flowery epitaph.

From the day he finished his racing career in 1919 and the late Percy Miller bought him for Kia Ora, Magpie became a force in Australia's bloodhorse industry equalled by few horses this century.

He did not produce horses of the brilliance of Valais, his rival during the years after World War I. Many of his progeny took their time in developing their latent galloping ability. Over-anxious buyers, expecting quick returns, often sold Magpie horses only to see them succeed with maturity. But if, as the experienced horseman declares, the true basis of the bloodstock industry is stamina, Magpie exerted an influence of great power.

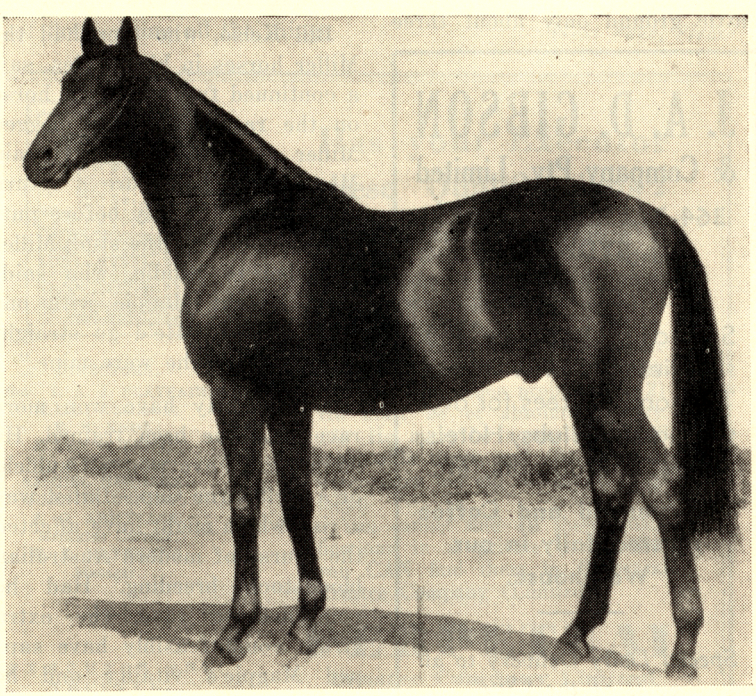
He gave Australia stayers like Windbag (Melbourne Cup), Amounis (Caulfield Cup), Loquacious (Metropolitan), Carry On (Australian Cup), and Talking (A.J.C. Derby). His mares, sent to the stud, have added Shannon, Delta, Feminist, Cooranga, Avenger, Ferndale, Snowstream, Bankstream, Freedom, True Course, Aristocrat, Lord Forrest, Euphrates and Hydrogen.

Magpie's progeny won stakes worth £315,871, and there was no exaggeration in the prediction Kia Ora's famous manager, the late Bert Riddle, made when he said: "Magpie will affect Australia's bloodstock as greatly, and leave as extensive and lasting an impression on Australian stayers, as did Carbine."

Magpie was a good racehorse before he became a famous sire. In England he finished second to Gay Crusader in the Two Thousand Guineas of 1917. In Australia he won three races at weight-for-age, beat the sensational mare, Desert Gold, and was placed at each of his other four starts.

Brought to Sydney for the spring meeting of 1919, Magpie developed a weakness in one leg,

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MAGPIE (Dark Ronald-Popinjay). Famous English jockey, Steve Donoghue, once said that Magpie liked racing best when "the whips were cracking." Most of his progeny have shown the same fight and gameness.

(Photo. courtesy "Sporting Life")

and because it was feared he might break down, he was offered to Percy Miller as a stallion for £5,000.

Attracted to Magpie from the time he was imported to Australia, Miller often had spoken of the horse to Bert Riddle. He admired Magpie not only for his race performances, but also for his breeding. Magpie's sire, Dark Ronald, sprang from a family which had already been successful at the stud in England. Percy Miller saw no reason why it should not succeed in Australia.

At that time Miller was not yet the influential breeder he was to become years afterwards. His Kia Ora property was still new as a thoroughbred establishment, having been a cattle ground only about three years earlier. He saw, however, that in Magpie was the chance to lift Kia Ora's standing. Nevertheless he was not to visualise, the day he drove Riddle, Reg Inglis and the late William Kelso to the Stewart veterinary stables in Randwick, that he was to make a purchase which would bring world fame to Kia Ora.

Miller could not have selected three more horse-wise men to advise him on Magpie. When each praised the horse, Miller said simply, "Send a wire to say we'll take him." Magpie was given a thorough veterinary overhaul. He had a small spot on a fetlock joint the size of the top of a finger, but it certainly was not serious, and Magpie did not walk like a broken-down horse.

Bill Kelso, who then had the Miller horses in his stables, saw a continued future for the horse on the racecourse. He begged Miller to allow him to train Magpie and so secure a return of his £5,000 outlay before putting the horse to the stud. Miller appealed to Riddle, who said: "You bought Magpie with one idea in view. He'd go straight to the stud if he were mine."

Magpie may have won more races, had he been trained. He might even have won a Caulfield or a Melbourne Cup. But it was a risk which might have affected the course of modern Australian bloodstock breeding. Had he continued to race, the extra strain could feasibly have sapped Magpie's vitality and he might never have sired the great horses he did.

Some critics still argue that Magpie was not an immediate success as a sire. They declare it took him a season or two to settle down. But, if he could look down from his grave to the foaling paddocks below, and turn back time to the days when his first crop of youngsters stretched their shaky legs at Kia Ora, Magpie would see some fine racehorses.

There would be a black colt running alongside his dam, Maltee. He became Black Ronald, who beat Ballymena (A.J.C. Derby winner of 1923) in the New Zealand Derby, and would have been a champion but for an early breakdown.

There, too, would be Chatterbox, Luddenham and Graculus. Luddenham developed into a good-class stayer. Chatterbox, a smart sprinter, became dam of Loquacious (A.J.C. Metropolitan). Graculus, with restricted chances, was a successful sire in Victoria.

Most stallions produce their best horses after some years of experience at the stud, but Magpie sired Windbag (£35,939) in his second year, and Amounis (£48,297) in his third. Then, to demonstrate his sustained vitality, Magpie produced in his last year but one the dual Derby winner, Talking, sold to Alan E. Cooper for £19,000. Talking, in his turn, sired Main Topic, winner of the A.J.C. Derby of 1942, in his first season.

Most people have the idea that thoroughbred stallions are highly-strung, dangerous animals who will bite, strike, and anihilate if given the chance. It is true that some stallions have to be watched, but the succesful sires, in particular, are intelli-

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The famous English jockey, Steve Donoghue, who rode Magpie in England, wrote in his autobiography: "Magpie never liked it better than when the whips were cracking." It was a trait of gameness and spirit which he imparted to most of his progeny.

Windbag, Magpie's greatest staying son, would want to stop galloping when he raced to the front near the judge. He seemed to tell himself that he had the race won and any further exertion was superfluous. Time after time, however, Windbag was challenged again after he had eased down in his big races. Then his jockey, Jim Munro, had only to slap Windbag hard with the whip, and all the horse's fighting courage would well up to keep his head in front at the winning post. Amounis was another who would fight back when the odds seemed impossible. He came from last at the five furlongs to win his Caulfield Cup with 9st. 8lb. He gave 10 lengths' start in the straight when he won his second Epsom Handicap at Randwick in 1928, with 9st. 7lb. And the day he beat Phar Lap at weight-for-age at Warwick Farm, Amounis was called upon for finishing exertion from which most other champions would have wilted. It was the Magpie blood in him.

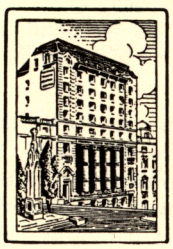
Throughout the 14 years he was at the stud Magpie was the circus-pony of Kia Ora. Anyone could ride him. It was not even necessary to saddle him.

The late Ned Moss, big punter and influential racehorse owner for 40 years, always declared himself to be the worst horseman to put foot inside a racecourse gate. He admitted he just didn't know how to ride. Yet one day at Kia Ora he was lifted on to Magpie's bareback. There he sat awkwardly, like a bag of flour, doing all the things a rider should not. Magpie, however, stood quietly for minutes while Moss had his photograph taken.

Visitors to Kia Ora were often amazed when Bert Riddle would dump their children on Magpie's back and walk this £30,000 stallion around the paddock as though he were a kiddies' hack at the seaside.

Magpie liked his little fun in return. Often, if a man was standing near his head, Magpie would swing one foreleg gently, then suddenly twine it around the man's leg and hold on for minutes. To add insult, Magpie would let his tongue loll out of one side of his mouth, like a cheeky child.

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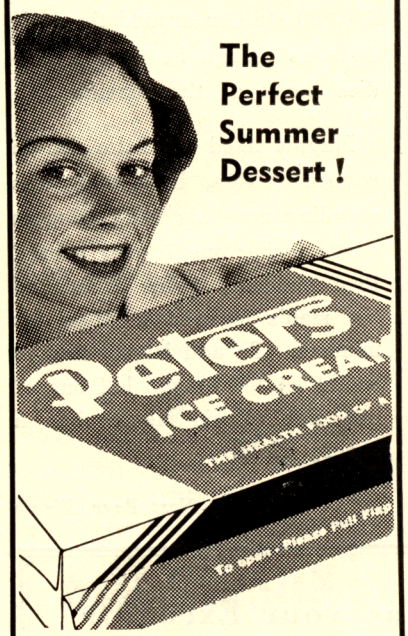
GAMENESS! *from previous page*

It was a sad day at Kia Ora when Magpie was destroyed. He had developed "drop sole" in one of his forefeet. The bone had commenced to grow through the sole of the foot, and Magpie could not bear to stand on it. He was 20 years old at the time, but retained his strength and otherwise was completely healthy. The wrench was severe, but neither Miller nor Riddle hesitated. They knew it was their humane duty to put Magpie out of his misery and end his suffering.

It was Bert Riddle who had the idea of marking Magpie's burial ground with a tombstone. To preserve further the memory of a great horse and stallion, Magpie's tail was hung in a special glass case, and the hoofs were mounted as paper-weights and inkstands.

Magpie, however, is his own memorial. He not only sired champions himself, but his sons and daughters have produced them. Shannon has introduced his famous blood lines to America, and the thousands of buyers who bid at Australian yearling sales respond to the magic name of Magpie in a pedigree.

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IRISH COURSES

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completely rebuilt, with a modern stand and private boxes. Plans are also ready for enlargement of the paddock. This racecourse is one of the most historical in the country, the ancient Irish kings being reputed to have raced their horses on the Curragh many centuries before the introduction of the phot-finish. On the course during the next few months will be run some of the most exciting of the Irish flat races, the Irish Derby on the 23rd June, the Irish Oaks on the 10th July, and the Irish St. Leger on the 15th September.

Still in the County of Kildare, the racecourse at Naas, where large fields usually participate, now has a new Tote building with a spacious roof-stand. Much nearer Dublin at Phoenix Park, one of the most popular courses with its own special clientele, the stands have been extended and the reserved enclosure greatly improved.

The drive to raise the standard of Irish courses was not confined to Dublin and the Leinster courses alone. One of the most picturesque and famous meetings of the year is held in Galway, in the west of Ireland, where for a number of days, at the end of July when the annual Plate and Hurdle Meeting is held, the city celebrates day and night. Here new stands were opened in 1952 and were improved in 1953.

Everywhere throughout the country, even in the smallest provincial racecourses there is evidence of endeavour to raise the standard of the Irish courses in order that the small owner, who has always formed the backbone of the Irish racing and breeding industry, may have greater opportunities of displaying the prowess of the horses for which Ireland is deservedly famous.

SUMMARY OF SPORTS TOPICS

ATHLETICS

RUSSIA led in the unofficial team championship at the end of the third day of the European Games with 162 points.

Czechoslovakia had 59, Germany 43, Britain 36, Finland 24, Hungary 21, Sweden 18, Poland 11, Holland and Switzerland six, France and Yugoslavia five, Italy three.

Russia has won nine gold medals, Czechoslovakia four, Britain, Finland and Germany one each.

Russia had three quick wins when the championships were continued.

A. Ignatjev won the men's 400 metres in 46.6 seconds; Miss Ponomareva won the women's discus with a throw of 157 ft. 6½ in.; and Nina Otkalentake took the women's 800 metres title in 2m. 8.8s.

Russian women had two more successes when Miss Irina Turova won the women's 100 metres final in 11.8s. and Miss Alexandre Chudina took the women's pentathlon.

Ukhov's time of 4h. 22m. 11.2s. for the 50 kilometres walk was the best international championship performance, and the world's second fastest for the distance.

The officially recognised time of 4h. 29m. 58s., set by L. Ljunggren, of Sweden, last year, was achieved on the track.

Thousands of screaming, whistling Germans shouted abuse from the stands when the crack German men's sprint relay team was disqualified.

Led off by sprint champion Heinz Futterer, the Germans gave a superb exhibition of baton changing.

Officials ruled that in the first change between Futterer and Leonhard Pohl, the latter was outside the zone when he cleared the baton.

While German athletes argued with officials, the crowd demonstrated its disapproval.

CRICKET

GOLF is the latest excuse offered for cricket failures.

Some English critics blamed too much golf for the indifferent displays of some of the M.C.C. team in the West Indies earlier in the season.

The critics were seeking reasons for the fall from grace of some of the top players who had contributed so much to winning back the Ashes from Australia the previous season.

The players were accused of taking the West Indians too lightly and with giving more serious thought and practice to their leisure golf than to cricket.

The critics said that cricket and golf don't mix, that the basis and principle of the two games are different and that too much of one can have a derogatory effect on the other.

It is true that in batting the arms are bent before and after hitting the ball, whereas in making a golf stroke the arms, or at least one of them, is kept straight throughout the swing.

Also, the cricketer must be attuned to hit a moving target, while the golfer employs a different technique to hit a stationary object.

So it wouldn't take much to make the earnest cricket lover accept the theory that the M.C.C. team lost form in the West Indies through playing too much golf as some Pressmen who accompanied the team quite openly suggested.

These writers were careful to point out that one of the cricketing hopes of the future, Tom Graveney, plays golf off two handicap and at one stage seriously thought of making it his career instead of cricket.

It was also mentioned that several other members of the M.C.C. team were single figure handicap players seemingly bent on reducing their handicap while on tour.

Bradman is a golf enthusiast and a very low marker and since he always played throughout his brilliant cricket career he should know whether the two mix to advantage.

When the 1948 Australian team were on their way to England, Bradman called a shipboard meeting and in the course of an address told the players that soon they would be playing cricket six days a week.

This he stated could lead to mental staleness and boredom unless they occupied their minds with other matters on their hours off from the game.

He advised his men to keep away from the cricket grounds when they were not playing. "Get away and play a game of golf," he told them. "It'll do you good."

The players took his advice. Even those who didn't know a

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seven iron from a two iron spent their leisure days on the golf course.

It kept them mentally fresh, contented and out of stuffy hotel lounges and out of reach of well-meaning but boring cricket fans who haunt a touring team's quarters, especially at Test time.

How sound was Bradman's advice was borne out by the team's undefeated record—something that an Australian team had never before accomplished.

Five years later Hassett, as captain, wisely repeated Bradman's advice to his team which went through unbeaten except for the last Test.

No doubt that England's captain Len Hutton will ignore the accusations that golf upset the cricket of the M.C.C. team's West Indies tour and give similar advice to his team for Australia as Bradman and Hassett gave theirs.

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OLYMPICS

SWEDISH Count Clarence von Rosen started something in Athens in 1906.

At the International Olympic Committee meeting in Athens that year he suggested equestrian events be added to the Olympic programme.

His theory was it would bring together the cavalry officers of the various nations and, in turn, this would result in the Governments taking greater interest in the athletics.

As a result of his efforts, polo appeared on the 1908 Olympic programme and equestrian events on the 1912 list, the latter fittingly in Stockholm.

A long-range result of the count's effort is that Australia will send a team of seven horsemen to Stockholm for the equestrian section of the 1956 Olympics. The reported cost will be £35,000.

Melbourne is the 1956 Olympic host. The equestrian events are scheduled for Stockholm because of our animal quarantine restrictions.

At £5,000 a man, the Australian horsemen will be the most expensive Australian Olympic representatives of all time.

They will be away nearly six months, giving ample time for training and acclimatisation.

The Federal Government has kicked in £12,500, and the proceeds of a Randwick race meeting is expected to help largely towards the total cost.

It is good to see an Australian representative team go abroad under such favourable circumstances.

The horsemen should have every chance of making a good showing.

It would be nice to think of this as the general pattern for future Australian Empire and Olympic Games teams.

Think of the tremendous advantage it would be to our athletes and swimmers (the most important people in these international games) if they had ample time to acclimatise and get competitive experience in the country holding the games.

It has long been held our athletes need months of solid overseas competitions to produce their best.

Landy, who had to go abroad under his own steam to finally run a miracle mile, is emphatic about this.

But we fear there will be no new order for our athletes, swimmers, etc.

The Federal grant will be on no such comparatively lavish scale. Nor will the finances have the benefit of a race meeting.

The same old last-minute scratch will no doubt go on to raise the money to send a fully representative team. The swimmers will no doubt have to organise their own winter training programme.

We don't begrudge the equestrians their luck. It is in part due to their own organising efforts.

But we'd like to see something similar happen to the other amateur sections.

GOLF

MOST colourful personality among the four American golfers who visited Australia this month is Tommy Bolt.

After outstanding amateur successes he turned professional only six years ago.

At first he couldn't make the grade. His golf was good—in patches. When a shot went wrong he "blew up."

The American crowds loved it. They named him "Thunder" and flocked to see him.

You could never tell what he would do next—break clubs over his knee, assault the nearest tree with his wedge, throw the whole bag of clubs into a water hazard or merely stuff the ball into his pocket and walk off in disgust.

The winter circuit of 1951 was the turning point. He walked off five times and finished earning 92 dollars. He had to bridle his temper or quit tournament golf.

Bolt chose to reform. He finished the season by winning the famous North and South Open and, two months later, opened the 1952 season by winning the Los Angeles Open.

Since then he has been a consistent money winner. He ran equal sixth in this year's U.S. Open and qualified second to Bob Toski for Ryder Cup selection.

CRICKET

AUSTRALIA'S prospects in the coming Test series against England depend a lot on the manner in which Alec Bedser has responded to the spell that he was given recently when England's team visited the West Indies.

Bedser is England's key man without doubt Hutton is a grand batsman likely to score runs at any time, but Bedser is the one who can rip through our batting strength with ease, as he has shown in each of the last two series.

Pakistan's victory over England in the final Test of their rubber has no more importance than that it has given Pakistan a pleasant entrance into international cricket.

As a pointer towards Australia's success or otherwise against England it means nothing at all

There are many considerations to support this.

Poor Record

Pakistan's poor record in the county roundup is sufficient, however, to convince us that we would be foolish to take this as a pointer towards England's strength or lack of it.

If we need a real chastener to stop us from placing too much upon this defeat, let us remember that England beat us rather convincingly last year.

Bedser is poison to left-handed batsmen.

His stock ball to them is a beautifully directed out-swinger that goes away just the desired amount to make the defensive batsman reach forward hopefully.

Batting Hopes

And for variation he has one which comes back so violently off the pitch that it not only has a chance of getting the leg before decision but also raises painful bruises on the thigh.

Australia's main batting hopes are left-handers Harvey and Morris.

Bedser is still a force in England's team. Round him they have chosen a strong band of supporting fast and of medium-fast bowlers who will save him from the less important matches, but England's hopes and fears will almost all be concentrated upon this grand bowler.

As his counterpart on the Australian side there is Ray Lindwall. Lindwall has been just as great a menace to England's batsmen as Bedser has been to ours.

But where does Lindwall stand now? He is still our best bowler. Even as a medium pace bowler, if ever he must resort to the lesser subtleties, he stands above any other bowler in Australian cricket to-day.

Few have given Lindwall due credit for his comprehensive knowledge of swing bowling. He is generally regarded quite wrongly as "killer" Lindwall, who relies simply on brute strength to produce phenomenal speed.

Lindwall is the one Australian bowler who controls swing and change of pace at will and in this he is the one bowler who can sway the Tests as Bedser can.

But will he be chosen to play against England. If good sense prevails, despite N.S.W. selectors' lack of it last summer, Lindwall will be there to counterbalance the Bedser influence.

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The Golden Age of Sport?

AUSTRALIA is fast catching up with other modern countries in this Golden Age of Sport.

While many of our best players in various fields of sport still go oversea to capitalise on their outstanding ability, most games are now sufficiently commercialised in Australia to give high rewards to those who stay at home.

This has become possible through greater public interest in international sporting contests and a willingness on their part to pay more money to see them.

Paramount among the games which have become great commercial enterprises is tennis. The august Lawn Tennis Association of Australia has built up a midas hoard of cash through the performances of champions like Frank Sedgman, Ken McGregor, Lewis Hoad and Ken Rosewall, who have helped hold the Davis Cup through three tough Challenge rounds.

This year the New South Wales Lawn Tennis Association will spend £51,000 on the erection of new stands and the hiring of temporary stands for the Davis Cup Challenge round on December 27, 28 and 29. Additions to the Marsh Stand and the northern side of the centre courts will take £29,000 and £22,000 more will be spent on erecting temporary stands.

This huge outlay will be easily recovered. Prices of seats range from £8/5/- to £3/15/- for the three days' play, giving an estimated return of £80,000.

Our cricketers brought back £100,000 sterling (£125,000 Australian) as their share of the last tour of England. Most of it was distributed among the States.

Australian Rules is a wealthy code in southern and western States. The Victorian Football League collects about £100,000 annually from home-and-away matches. Finals also draw big crowds to yield an additional £50,000. Victorian Rules clubs, such as Carlton, Geelong and Collingwood, have more than 10,000 members — almost as many as Sydney Cricket Ground.

Another wealthy sporting body is the Rugby League. The three Test matches against England this winter brought in a total of £46,200, of which the third Test produced £17,217.

The Rugby Union made a profit estimated at more than £14,000 from the Fijians' second tour of Australia.

While prosperity has come to most of the governing sports bodies, the players have done very nicely, too. But if junior is thinking of making sport his career let us suggest he concentrates on tennis. He should do very well as an "amateur" tennis player and he should then strive to become a professional on the American circuit.

There is no room nowadays in big tennis for a weekend player. Our top players are on the courts for nearly 11 months of the year and this is possible because only sporting goods manufacturers (and they get their pound of flesh) would have any point in employing them.

Mervyn Rose, for example, is now on his fourth world tennis trip and he has spent practically two of the past four years overseas. His only long spell from the grind of tennis championships and exhibitions in those four years was while he convalesced after an appendix operation.

Rose has lived a life of luxury in the best hotels on the Continent, in England and America. His salary is estimated to be in the four-figure bracket.

Sedgman is understood to have received £2,000 a year when he was a tennis "amateur." To keep him from joining Kramer's professional troupe before the 1951 Davis Cup Challenge round was played, a wedding gift for his wife of £5,400 was publicly subscribed.

But after helping Australia to retain the cup in 1952, Sedgman and McGregor accepted an offer to join Kramer's professionals on a joint guarantee of 100,000 dollars (£44,642 Australian). It was then revealed that tennis Czar, Sir Norman Brookes, had offered the two Australian champions jobs with an insurance company worth £1,500 a year, rising in four years to £5,000, if they would remain "amateur." But the players turned it down.

They certainly made a quick kill. Their respective earnings from one season as professionals were: Sedgman £38,500 and McGregor £11,250. On his second professional junketing Sedgman finished only third among the troupe but still earned £15,800 —a total of £54,000 in two seasons.

Australian "amateurs" are paid 25/- a day in England and its equivalent in European countries, and five dollars a day in U.S. with all hotel and travelling expenses paid. American players receive £6 a day in Australia, from which they pay hotel bills. They claim this is not enough, but it is now generally accepted that the Americans are paid "appearance" money at special tournaments and exhibitions.

Cricketers, too

Apparently the practice has been common in America for some years. Bobby Riggs admitted that when he was an

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Looking Back on Tattersall's Club

★ November, 1933

HIGHLIGHT of the Club's activities in November, 1933, was undoubtedly the Swimming Carnival between ourselves and Balmoral Swimming Club—held on November 27th. What a pity that these events seem to have lapsed with the years! That evening in 1933 is still remembered as the time that Jack Dexter Saved the Day—events stood at six-all between ourselves and Balmoral after all the programme had been completed, and referee John Hellmrich ordered that a final event, a Plunge, should be the decider. Bob Wilshire, of Balmoral, lead easily from a series of Tattersall's swimmers, until the Secretary, Jack Dexter, took a tremendous breath, heaved himself mightily off the edge of the pool—and beat Wilshire by a "touch"!

THERE was some fine talent in the Pool that night: our own Hans Robertson, Frank Carberry, Vic Richards, Ken Hunter; Balmoral's Bob Wilshire, George Black; and other swimmers from Manly—Noel Ryan; Bondi—Vic Besomo, among many. The evening finished with supper and concert in the new fourth-floor dining room.

OLDER members will remember Albert Cohen—a committeeman of the Club in the twenties, an identity for many, many years; his membership dated back to 1888. He was elected an honorary Life Member in November, 1933. Unfortunately he was not in the best of health, and members had to postpone the usual presentation ceremony for some months.

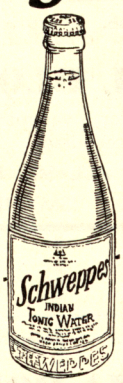
ANOTHER link with the early days of Tattersall's was Mick Killane. He had been a Life Member since 1929; Hon. Treasurer for eight years before that, Committeeman for a total of 28 years. His membership, too, dated back right to the eighties, to the days when there were plenty of men still in the Club who had been members since the Club's inception in 1858; such is the span of time. Mick Killane, alas, passed on during November, 1933—he will be remembered as a sprightly, shrewd and quick-witted gentleman, with a good eye for picking a winner.

THE Magazine made announcement of the programme for the Christmas season—dinner and dancing on four nights through the holidays. Members and their friends made good use of their Club twenty-one years ago—perhaps it was rather more of a social centre for them in those depression-days, than it is sometimes for us now. Still, we must have the same spirit and the same appreciation of the goodfellowship that Club life has to offer—if the present success of the dine-dance-concert evenings is an indication.

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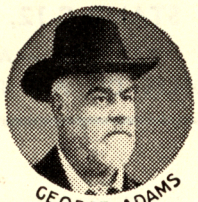
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A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	Sat.	20
Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	27

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Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	4
Sydney Turf Club (Rosehill)	Sat.	11
*Australian Jockey Club	Sat.	18
Sydney Turf Club	Wed.	22
*Australian Jockey Club	Mon.	27

*(Summer Meeting)

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"amateur" if he did not receive a direct payment for appearing in a tournament he would take a new model car in lieu. He said he received 300 dollars for playing in the Fox River Valley tournament—not a bad week's wage with all expenses provided.

Although our cricketers are also classed as "amateurs" they're not doing so badly at that. Members of the Australian team in England last year received £950 plus a bonus of £100 for six months' absence.

Australian players appearing in Test matches are well compensated. They receive £70 a match. For Sheffield Shield games they are paid £2/10/- a day on home grounds and £3/10/- a day interstate.

Many Australian cricketers have obtained good jobs through their cricket, but few receive the handsome benefit payments of the English professional. Sir Donald Bradman was an exception when his testimonial match yielded him £10,000. Even then he got less than Washbrook (£14,000), Compton (£12,000) and Eric Bedser (£12,000).

Quite a few Australian cricketers have made good money in Lancashire League and playing for English counties. Largest fee paid to an Australian was Ray Lindwall's £1,600 (£2,000 Australian) between two Australian seasons. Lindwall also received a number of "perks" by scoring more than 50 runs and taking five or more wickets for 30 or less in the one match. Those collections generally yielded about £20.

Australian golfers mostly have to go overseas to be in the big money, although Norman von Nida is said to make £5,000 a year in Australia. He is on a handsome retainer from a sporting goods firm, receives royalties on clubs bearing his name and writes for a newspaper. He also wins his share of prize-money.

But even Von's earnings lag behind those of his young protege, Peter Thomson, this year's British Open winner. The Open will be worth at least £20,000 to Thomson, through contracts and appearance money, this season. Thomson has a tie-up with an American sporting goods firm and can expect to receive 1,000 dollars for each exhibition game he plays.

Australian-born Jim Ferrier has done even better for himself in America. After ending the season among the top money-makers for years he has now become professional at the fabulously wealthy Lakeside Golf Club, Hollywood, at a fee of £11,590 Australian a year.

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strive as we may we cannot break the "hoodoo." In the recent game, Tatt's. due to a super effort on the part of President Gordon Booth and Secretary Alex Buckle, fielded ten rinks and after an exciting tussle we went down by a margin of 3 points, the final scores being Waverley 225, Tattersall's 222, and on this occasion the absence of Ken Williams was sadly felt, to say nothing of our "Champs" Ken Ranger, "Swan" Schwartz and Noel Hough, who were seen battling out their difference on the Social rink.

Our game against "Australian Gas Light Co." was a most interesting one and we ran out winners with a comfortable margin of 72 points.

"Thanksgiving Day" at Double Bay has been set down for Thursday, 16th December, and members are advised to make a note of the date.

With the cares of office duties lifted from his shoulders, Arthur Gillespie is taking full advantage of his leisure moments and is making a tour of the greens down Queanbeyan way.

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